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1. SUMMARY. RADIO MARCH 23 BROADCAST STATEMENT
AND LETTER BY PRESIDENT KAYIBANDA CONDEMNING
VIOLENCE AND WARNING THAT RE COURSE TO IT WILL BE
PUNISHED. LETTER SAYS " SOCIO- ETHNIC BALANCE" IN
SCHOOLS IS NATIONAL WILL. END SUMMARY.

2. IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENT ON RWANDA' S
RECENT TROUBLES, PRESIDENT KAYIBANDA ISSUED
STATEMENT READ ON RADIO MARCH 23. AFTER
THANKING AUTHORITIES FOR PACIFICATION EFFORTS,
STATEMENT INSISTS 1959 REVOLUTION MUST BE
CARRIED OUT PEACEFULLY AND IN RECOGNITION OF
THREE ETHNIC GROUPS PLUS FOREIGNERS. INDISCIPLINE,
INTRIGUES AND VIOLENCE CONDEMNED BY PRESIDENT,
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GOVERNMENT AND VARMEHUTU PARTY. ETHNIC GROUPS
MUST CONSIDER SELVES PART OF NATION RATHER THAN
REGIONAL, RELIGIOUS, ETC. THOSE HARMING OTHERS
WILL BE PUNISHED.

3. EMPHASIZING NEED FOR DISCIPLINE, STATEMENT SAYS
DISLOYAL ACTS WILL BE PUNISHED AND ANY FOREIGN
TECHNICIAN WHO NOT CONTENT CAN " GET AIRPLANE TICKET
AND LEAVE COUNTRY WHENEVER HE WANTS ".

4. STATEMENT SAYS REGIONALISM IS OUT OF DATE BE-
CAUSE COUNTRY IS A NATION. TALK OF COUP D' ETAT IS
DISMISSED AS NOT DISTURBING GOR. STATEMENT NEVER-
THELESS WARNS THOSE IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY MUST
SATISFY NEEDS OF PEOPLE AND PEACE WILL NOT BE
RESTORED UNTIL POPULATION LIVES BETTER.

5. ON PROBLEM OF STUDENT AGITATION, STATEMENT PUTS
SCHOOL DIRECTORS ON NOTICE THAT CONCEPT OF NON- STATE
SCHOOLS OUT OF DATE. DIRECTORS SHOULD TRY TO
BETTER UNBERSTAND STUDENT S' PROBLEMS. WHILE
GOVERNMENT NOT OPPOSED TO STUDENT DISSENT
(" CONTESTATION"), THIS MUST BE EXPRESSED LEGALLY.
STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS WITHOUT PERMISSION
WILL BE EXPELLED; THOSE CAUSING VIOLENCE WILL BE
PUNISHED. IN PARTICULAR, THOSE PREACHING REGION- NIHI-
LISM WILL BE EXPELLED.

6. STATEMENT FOLLOWED BY READING OF LETTER
KAYIBANDA WROTE FEBRUARY 21 TO A SCHMOL DIRECTOR
WHO HAD INQUIRED ABOUT GOR'S ETHNIC POLICY.
LETTER REPUDIATES " PURGING OF AN ETHNIC GROUP"
FROM SCHOOLS, AND EMPHASIZES COEXISTENCE, COLLABO-
RATION AND FRATERNITY AMONG HUTU, TUTSI AND TWA.
KAYIBANDA NEVERTHELESS CLAIMS " CERTAIN EUROPEAN
AND TUTSI TEACHERS" WERE BEHIND " SUBVERSIVE
MOVEMENT". " NATIONAL WILL" IS FOR " SOCIO- ETHNIC
BALANCE" IN SCHOOLS.

7. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ISSUED AFTER VIOLENCE
SUBSIDED, KAYIBANDA STATEMENTS MAY SERVE USEFUL
PURPOSS OF WARNING THAT FUTURE VIOLENCE AND DIS-
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ORDERS WILL BE PUNISHED. GOR APPEARS DETERMINED

THAT ETHNIC RATIOS OF POPULATION (89 PERCENT HUTU,
10 PERCENT TUTSI, ONE PERCENT TWA) MUST BE
REFLECTED IN SCHOOLS.
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